Upgradation of Bofors Gun

1815. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the upgradation of the Bofors Gun; and

(b) if so, the details of the upgradation and total amount earmarked therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of answers to part (a) above.

Acquisition of Wheeled S.P. Gun

1816. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status in respect of the acquisition of wheeled S.P. Gun;

(b) whether it is a fact that the General Service Qualification Requirement was changed after the opening of tender; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to invite fresh tenders for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A Price Negotiation Committee is currently negotiating the price of wheeled Self Propelled Gun with the vendor.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Help to 1971 War Hero

1817. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a 71-War Hero Col. (Retd.) Suresh Y. Rege, who had received the Sena Medal for gallantry in 1971